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FOR AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN FROM RICHARDSON

1. WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING OVER THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS ABOUT THE CONFERENCE WHICH THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES HOPES TO ORGANIZE. WE OF COURSE HAVE NO OBJECTION AND HOPE CONFUSION WILL BE AVOIDED BY SHARING OF INFORMATION ON WHAT THE TWO CONFERENCES ARE SUPPOSED TO BE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH.

2. WE SEE THE ACADEMIC SUMMIT AS A CONFERENCE REPRESENTING THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITIES OF BOTH COUNTRIES ACROSS THE BOARD. ITS GOAL WOULD BE TO EXPLAIN TO THE INDIANS THE REALITIES OF ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS IN THE U.S. AND TO EXPLAIN TO AMERICANS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT AND HOW THEY WILL BE CARRIED OUT. THERE WOULD

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BE DISCUSSION OF THE FIELDS AMERICANS WOULD LIKE TO EXPLORE

IN INDIA AND VICE VERSA. WE HOPE THE RESULT WOULD BE A CLEARING OF THE AIR AS TO WHAT CAN AND CANNOT BE DONE IN INDIA BY AMERICANS AND HOW INDIAN ACADEMIC GOALS IN THE U.S. CAN BEST BE MET.

3. THE NAS CONFERENCE AS I UNDERSTAND IT HAS A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT PURPOSE. IT IS MORE OF "HOW CAN WE BE HELPFUL TO THE INDIAN SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY AND WHAT WOULD WE RECEIVE IN RETURN" THAN "HOW CAN WE CONDUCT ACADEMIC EXCHANGES IN AN ORDERLY FASHION?" YOU OF COURSE WILL HAVE DISCUSSED ALL OF THIS WITH ENGEL IN NEW DELHI.

4. THE MEETING OF HARD SCIENTISTS IS NARROWER IN SCOPE, AND, WHILE THERE IS NO CONFLICT BETWEEN SUCH A MEETING AND THAT ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY ROACH, I THINK IT WOULD BE BETTER IF THE LATTER CAN BE HELD FIRST IN THE HOPE OF ESTABLISHING GENERAL UNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT ACADEMIC RELATIONS PRIOR TO THE MORE SPECIFIC SCIENTIFIC TALKS.

5. I LIKE THE MODUS OPERANDI SUGGESTED BY THE INDIAN ACADEMICS ALTHOUGH I HAVE NO OPINION AS TO ITS FEASIBILITY ON THE AMERICAN SIDE IN THE ABSENCE ON VACATION OF EVERYONE I NORMALLY RELY ON TO HELP ME APPEAR INFORMED ON SUCH MATTERS.

6. ROACH, WHO IS ONE OF THOSE VACATIONING, HAS ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH BAILEY, WHO IS ANOTHER. BOTH, I HOPE, SHOULD BE BACK SOMETIME NEXT WEEK. WE WILL SEEK THEIR VIEWS AND PASS THEM ON TO YOU FOR YOUR OWN CONSIDERATION. MEANWHILE, WE WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSING THESE QUESTIONS WITH NAS. ROGERS

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